

1 AN ACT in relation to health.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Act is amended  
5 by changing Sections 6.2 and 14 and adding Section 6.3 as  
6 follows:

7 (410 ILCS 45/6.2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1306.2)

8 Sec. 6.2. Physicians to screen children.

9 (a) Every physician licensed to practice medicine in all  
10 its branches or health care provider shall screen children 6  
11 months through 6 years of age for lead poisoning who are  
12 determined to reside in an area defined as high risk by the  
13 Department. In addition, every such physician or health care  
14 provider shall screen girls age 13 or older for lead  
15 poisoning if they are determined to reside in an area defined  
16 as high risk by the Department. Children residing in areas  
17 defined as low risk by the Department shall be assessed for  
18 risk by a risk assessment procedure developed by the  
19 Department. Children shall be screened, in accordance with  
20 guidelines and criteria set forth by the American Academy of  
21 Pediatrics, at the priority intervals and using the methods  
22 specified in the guidelines.

23 (b) Each licensed, registered, or approved health care  
24 facility serving children from 6 months through 6 years of  
25 age or girls age 13 or older, including but not limited to,  
26 health departments, hospitals, clinics, and health  
27 maintenance organizations approved, registered, or licensed  
28 by the Department, shall take the appropriate steps to ensure  
29 that the patients receive lead poisoning screening, where  
30 medically indicated or appropriate.

31 (c) Children 6 years of age and older not otherwise

1 addressed in this Act may also be screened by physicians or  
2 health care providers, in accordance with guidelines and  
3 criteria set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics,  
4 according to the priority intervals specified in the  
5 guidelines.

6 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to  
7 require any child to undergo a lead blood level screening or  
8 test whose parent or guardian objects on the grounds that the  
9 screening or test conflicts with his or her religious  
10 beliefs.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-381, eff. 8-18-95.)

12 (410 ILCS 45/6.3 new)

13 Sec. 6.3. Screening of persons other than children.

14 (a) Every physician licensed to practice medicine in all  
15 its branches or health care provider shall screen women who  
16 have been medically diagnosed as pregnant and who are in the  
17 first or third trimester of pregnancy for lead poisoning if  
18 they are determined to reside in an area defined as high risk  
19 by the Department. In addition, every such physician or  
20 health care provider shall screen women for lead poisoning  
21 when they apply for recertification under the federal Special  
22 Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children  
23 (WIC) if they are determined to reside in an area defined as  
24 high risk by the Department. Women residing in areas defined  
25 as low risk by the Department shall be assessed for risk by a  
26 risk assessment procedure developed by the Department.

27 (b) Each licensed, registered, or approved health care  
28 facility serving women who are pregnant or who are nursing an  
29 infant, including, but not limited to, health departments,  
30 hospitals, clinics, and health maintenance organizations  
31 approved, registered, or licensed by the Department, shall  
32 take the appropriate steps to ensure that the patients  
33 receive lead poisoning screening when medically indicated or

1 appropriate.

2 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to  
3 require any woman to undergo a lead blood level screening or  
4 test if the woman objects on the grounds that the screening  
5 or test conflicts with her religious beliefs.

6 (410 ILCS 45/14) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1314)

7 Sec. 14. Departmental regulations and activities. The  
8 Department shall establish and publish regulations and  
9 guidelines governing permissible limits of lead in and about  
10 residential buildings and dwellings.

11 The Department shall also initiate activities that:

12 (a) Will either provide for or support the monitoring  
13 and validation of all medical laboratories and, private and  
14 public hospitals that perform lead determination tests on  
15 human blood or other tissues.;

16 (b) Will, subject to Section 7.2 of this Act, provide  
17 laboratory testing of blood specimens for lead content, to  
18 any physician, hospital, clinic, free clinic, municipality,  
19 or private organizations that cannot secure or provide the  
20 services through other sources. The Department shall not  
21 assume responsibility for blood lead analysis required in  
22 programs currently in operation.;

23 (c) Will develop or encourage the development of  
24 appropriate programs and studies to identify sources of lead  
25 intoxication and assist other entities in the identification  
26 of lead in children's blood and the sources of that  
27 intoxication.;

28 (c-5) Will ensure that the greatest possible number of  
29 at-risk children and women are identified and screened for  
30 lead poisoning.

31 (d) May provide technical assistance and consultation to  
32 local, county, or regional governmental or private agencies  
33 for the promotion and development of lead poisoning

1 prevention programs.

2 (e) Will provide recommendations by the Department on  
3 the subject of identification and treatment for lead  
4 poisoning.

5 (f) Will maintain a clearinghouse of information and  
6 will develop additional educational materials on lead hazards  
7 to children, lead poisoning prevention, lead poisoning  
8 screening, and lead mitigation, abatement, and disposal, and  
9 on health hazards during abatement. The Department shall  
10 ensure that these materials are capable of being easily  
11 understood by women who are subject to screening under this  
12 Act and by parents of children who are subject to screening  
13 under this Act. The Department shall make this information  
14 available to the general public and in particular to  
15 residents of areas defined as high risk by the Department.  
16 (Source: P.A. 87-175; 87-1144.)